THE MARKETS.

TOTAL RECEIPTS TO-DAY.

New-York, February 20, 1897.

Beans, bbls	530	Rosin, bbls	97
Flour, pkgs	24,692	Spirits turp., bbls	5
Buckwheat, bush	3,900	Tar, bbls	31
S. W. flour, pkgs	144	Oilcake, pkgs	900
Cornmeal, bbls	1,221	Oil, lub., bbls	60
Cornmeal, bags	2,928	Peanuts, bags	555
Oatmeal, bbls	490	Pork, pkgs	80
Wheat, bush	8,325	Cut meats, pkgs	3,634
Corn, bush	179,400	Dressed hogs, No	56
Oats, bush	174,200	Lard, pkgs	718
Peas, bush	1,100	Lard, kegs	3,700
Barley, bush	27,300	Tallow, pkgs	69
Malt, bush	10,800	Grease, pkgs	50
Cottonseed oil, bbls	546	Butter, pkgs	4,284
Dried fruit, pkgs	1,590	Cheese, pkgs	307
Hay, tons	1,190	Eggs, cases	4,460
Straw, tons	130	Spelter, pieces	1,216
Flaxseed, bush	100	Tobacco, hhds	60
Hops, bales	127	Tobacco, pkgs	123
Leather, sides	4,680	Whiskey, bbls	686
Milfeed, tons	225		

CASH QUOTATIONS.

Iron, No. 1 foundry	$12 50	Flour, Minn., patent	$4 45
do So. No. 2 soft	11 00	Molasses, OK. prime	24
Lead	3 30	Tallow, prime	3¼
Copper, lake ingot	12 00	Hops, greed, 1600-lb.	5
Steel rails	20 00	Lard, prime	4 20
Wheat, No 2 red	92½	Pork, mess	8 02½
Corn, No 2 mixed	29⅝	Beef, family	9 50
Oats, No 2 mixed	21⅝	Beef, hams	18 00
Cotton, middling	7¼	Sugar, granulated	4⅝
Coffee, No 7 Rio	9⅝		

EXPORTS TO-DAY.

Wheat, bush	16,265	Pitch, bbls	15
Corn, bush	61,311	Tar, bbls	4
Oats, bush	5,570	Ref pet, gals	2,867,796
Barley, bush	13,265	Naphtha, gals	3,000
Peas, bush	1,595	Benzine, gals	2,510
Beans, bush	1,640	Cottonseed oil, gals	16,250
Flour, bbls	4,531	Lub oil, gals	135,100
Flour, sacks	15,212	Pork, bbls	286
Cornmeal, bbls	703	Beef, bbls	420
Bran, lb	19,800	Bacon, lb	338,400
Grass seed, bags	100	Hams, lb	11,600
Hay, bales	200	Lard, lb	1,197,400
Hops, bales	5	Lard oil, gals	1,250
Whiskey, gals	5,400	Stearine, lb	39,000
Cottonseed meal, lb	277,500	Tallow, lb	8,800
Oil meal, lb	75,000	Grease, lb	12,000
Oil cake, lb	600,300	Butter, lb	71,700
Spirits turp, gals	12,520	Cheese, lb	47,340
Rosin, bbls	339		

THE GENERAL MARKET REPORT.

New-York, February 20, 1897.

COTTON—The market for cotton opened steady this morning at 6 to 10 points advance on an unexpectedly better Liverpool report. The Cretan situation developed differently than anticipated by the sellers of last evening, and Liverpool, after coming in steady at 1 point decline, closed firm at unchanged to 1 point advance, with sales of spot cotton amounting to 7,000 bales. There was some good buying by foreign houses, and this brought in liberal covering by sellers of yesterday. At the advance there developed some southern selling, and prices flattened a trifle. The reports from the South are somewhat contradictory in respect to the probabilities of the movement, particularly in Texas. "The Chronicle" weather reports state that during the last week conditions have been favorable, as a rule, and farm work has been pushed actively. Where reports are made the statement is quite general that farmers are up with their work. The amount of cotton on shipboard Friday night, not cleared, was reported at 151,088 bales, leaving stocks of 829,274 bales. Last week the amount on shipboard was 147,963 bales, and last year, 152,673 bales. Estimated receipts of cotton at the ports to-day, 14,000 bales, against 12,654 bales last week and 13,137 bales last year. This week 85,000 bales, against 80,599 bales last week, and 94,303 bales last year. The dealings in futures were comparatively light during the morning and news was without important influence. The Fall River statement showed production of 190,000 pieces, with sales only 77,000 pieces. The market was reported quiet on the basis of 2 11-16c for extras. No statement of stocks was made.

Opening, range and close to-day, and closing bids the previous night and last year follow:

	Open-ing.	High-est.	Low-est.	Closing to-day.	Last Last night.	year.
February	6.88	6.88	6.88	6.85@6.87	6.89	7.58
March	6.91	6.91	6.85	6.86@6.88	6.91	7.69
April	6.95	6.95	6.92	6.92@6.93	6.95	7.64
May	7.01	7.02	6.99	6.98@ —	6.92	7.68
June	7.06	7.06	7.01	7.03@7.04	6.96	7.72
July	7.10	7.10	7.06	7.07@7.08	7.01	7.75
August	7.12	7.12	7.07	7.09@7.10	7.02	7.75
September	6.78	6.78	6.74	6.74@6.75	6.69	7.55
October	6.68	6.68	6.64	6.64@6.65	6.61	7.41
November	6.70	6.70	6.66	6.66@6.67	6.63	7.36
December	6.74	6.74	6.71	6.71@6.72	6.68	7.36

Market closed steady at 3@7 points advance, compared with yesterday's closing prices. Transferable notices 6,800. Total sales, 96,100 bales. Spot cotton closed steady and unchanged. Middling uplands, 7¼c; middling Gulf, 7⅝c; sales, 619 bales, all spinning.

Cotton Exchange special Liverpool cables—Spot cotton quiet and firm; sales, 7,000 bales; speculation and export, 500. American, delivery, 11,000; American, 5,000; middling uplands, 3 29-32d. Futures quiet but steady; sellers 1-64d decline; closed firm, unchanged to 1 point net advance. February, 355c; February-March, 355c; March-April, 355c; April-May, 355b; May-June, 355½b; June-July, 356b; July-August, 356b; August-September, 353½b; September-October, 347½b; October-November, 343½b; November-December, 342b.

COFFEE—The coffee market opened quiet at unchanged prices this morning and was dull all the morning, with sales amounting to only 1,750 bags. The tone of the market, however, grew firm and the close was at 5 to 15 points net advance for the day. The foreign cables were quiet but fairly satisfactory. Santos was steady, with good average quoted at 10@800; receipts, 12,000 bags; stock, 423,000 bags. Rio market was firm, with No 7 at 10@350; receipts, 4,000 bags; stock, 2,000 bags; cleared for United States, 8,000 bags, for Europe, 2,000 bags; stock, 236,000 bags. Hamburg was reported 2,000 bags; stock, 250,000 bags, and cables were 8,000 bags. Havre opened steady and unchanged and closed barely steady and unchanged, after having declined ¼ franc. Sales were 21,000 bags. The deliveries of coffee to-day were fair for Saturday, amounting to 16,200 bags, but the deliveries as a whole the last week have been somewhat lively small. Stock at the ports have increased about 31,000 bags since Monday, while the amount of coffee afloat has decreased 7,000 bags. Trading in invoices was light to-day and the market closed dull and somewhat nominal. Rio No 7 was quoted at 9¾c on spot. Some business was transacted in coffee afloat at 9½c, and that was the price for afloat coffee at the close of the market. The trading in mild coffee was moderate but market steady.

The following shows the highest, lowest and closing prices to-day on contracts:

	Highest.	Lowest.	Closed to-day.	Closed yesterday.
January	—	—	9.20@9.40	9.20
February	—	—	9.05@9.15	9.00
March	9.10	9.10	9.10@9.20	9.05
April	—	—	9.15@9.25	9.05
May	—	—	9.15@9.25	9.10
June	—	—	9.20@9.30	9.15
July	9.20	9.20	9.20@9.30	9.15
August	—	—	9.25@9.35	9.15
September	9.35	9.35	9.30@9.35	9.15
October	—	—	9.30@9.35	9.15
November	9.30	9.25	9.30@9.35	9.15
December	—	—	9.30@9.35	9.15

The statistical position of Brazil coffee is as follows:

	To-day.	Yesterday.	Last week.
New-York deliveries	14,214	8,962	Holiday
Baltimore deliveries	1,085	515	762
New-Orleans deliveries	1,000	885	600
Total deliveries	16,299	10,362	1,362
New-York stock	357,750	354,653	335,459
Baltimore stock	27,764	28,849	24,435
New-Orleans stock	35,705	36,705	18,220
Stock at all ports	421,219	420,207	378,114
Afloat	344,000	316,000	314,000
Visible supply	765,219	736,207	692,114

FLOUR AND MEAL—The market for flour showed a much better tone to-day, following the advance of 5@10c a barrel in Minneapolis, and prices were held higher, regulating patents selling at $4 45. Quite a fair trade developed in spring patents and bakers', but winter flour was dull. Total sales were unusually good for Saturday, footing up 15,150 packages, including 900 bbls winter patents, $4 70; 900 bbls straights, $4 40@$4 50; 1,000 bbls clears, $4 20; 150 bbls superfine, $3; 5,500 bbls spring patents, $4 45@$4 75, including fancy, 500 bbls straights, $4 20; 1,800 bbls clears, $3 80; 2,000 packages extra 2s, $2 60 in sacks and $2 80 in barrels.....BUCKWHEAT FLOUR—Dull; spot, $1 25 nominal.....RYE FLOUR—Quiet; sales, 300 bbls at $2 60@$2 75.....CORNMEAL—Quiet; sales, 200 bbls at $1 90. Quoted: Kiln-dried $1 80@$1 90.....RAG MEAL—Quiet. Quoted: Fine white, 75@78c; fine yellow, 70@71c; coarse, 68@69c.....FEED—Steady. Quoted: 40, 60 and 80 lbs, 62½@65c; 100 lb, 65c; sharps, 72½@80c; rye feed, 52½@55c; hominy chop, 59@52½c, cottonseed meal, 97½@$1; oil meal, $1 02½@$1 05; city feed, 65c.

GRAIN—WHEAT—The wheat market this morning opened very quiet, prices showing but slight change from the final of last evening, and there was a rather narrow movement to particulars during the early part of the session. The trade seemed to be disposed to even up operations for the holiday on Monday, and this was quite an influence in the dealings. The cables were not as strong as anticipated, the Cretan situation failing to develop in the manner anticipated. The foreign markets were generally higher, although not advancing in at all a satisfactory manner as hoped for by the bulls, while the foreign operations in the future market were extremely limited. "Bradstreet's" exports for the last week were comparatively light, and reflect the small amount of business being done in cash grain at present. The news from the West showed but slight changes, as far as crop conditions were concerned, and there was very little in the movement in the Northwest to disturb operators. The receipts at Duluth, Minneapolis and Chicago were 325 cars, against 618 cars last week and 508 cars in 1895. Minneapolis reported four prices advanced 5 to 10c this morning, with a fair volume of trade doing. There was no disposition to hammer the market, and prices held very steady up to the close, leaving off at noon at ½@¾c net gain. On the curb between 12 and 1 p m the market was easy, breaking from 82½@82 9-16c. "Bradstreet's" exports for the last week were 2,120,000 bush, against 2,051,000 bush the preceding week, and 3,149,000 bush last year. Since July 1, 111,332,539 bush, an increase over the preceding year of 24,350,037 bush. The primary receipts this week have amounted to 1,450,000 bush, against 1,725,000 bush last week, and 2,275,000 bush last year. The exports from Atlantic ports for the week ended to-day were 177,000 bbls of flour and 764,000 bush of wheat, against 152,000 bbls and 1,073,000 bush last week, and 253,000 bbls and 544,000 bush last year. The market failed to develop any export inquiry to-day and was quiet, with prices held higher with futures, although in some cases the nominal difference of the wheat compared with the May option was reduced. No 2 red was quoted 86@15c over May, f o b afloat for ordinary to choice; No 1 hard, New-York, 7c over May, f o b afloat, and No 1 Northern New-York, 3½c over May, f o b afloat. May closed at 82⅝c.....CORN—The market for corn was quiet this morning, but fairly steady. The enormous exports of the last week did not stimulate business to any important extent, although the improvement of the last few days has been partly attributable to this cause. The exports have been very largely from Southern ports. The New-York exports being comparatively moderate. "Bradstreet's" figures for the week ended Thursday make the unparalleled aggregate of 6,441,000 bush, against 4,169,000 bush last week, and 2,925,000 bush last year. Since July 1, 93,482,000 bush, an increase over the preceding year of 32,717,000 bush. The exports from Atlantic ports alone were 5,599,000 bush for the week ended to-day, against 4,044,000 bush last week, and 1,502,000 bush last year. The future market at middle quotations closed quiet at unchanged to ¼c advance. The curb market was unchanged. Cash corn was nominal and was quoted at ⅛c under May in the elevator. May closed at 30½c.....OATS—The market for oats was flat and featureless, moving in an insignificant manner both in cash and futures, closing featureless at unchanged to ⅛c advance. Primary receipts for the last week have been 2,928,000 bush, against 3,881,000 bush last week and 1,922,000 bush last year. Exports from Atlantic ports, 597,000 bush, against 762,000 bush last week, and 165,000 bush last year. Cash oats were very quiet, but about steady. Sales of cash oats were 29,000 bush track and ungraded white, 21@23c, as to quality. No 2 oats quoted 21⅝c elevator; No 3, 20c; No 2 white, 23½c, and 22c for No 3 white.....RYE—Market dull and easier. Carlots, State, 39@41c; No 2 Western, 38½@38½c, c i f Buffalo, opening navigation.....BARLEY—Market dull; feeding quoted 26@26½c, c i f Buffalo, opening navigation; malting, 38@46c, as to quality.....BUCKWHEAT—Market very dull; quoted, 34c, c i f track for prime State.

The quotations to-day, the closing prices for the previous day and closing prices for the corresponding date last year follow:

Wheat:	Open-ing.	High-est.	Low-est.	Clos-ing.	Last night.	Last year.
February	—	—	—	84	83¼	72⅝
March	84	84	84	84⅝	83⅝	72⅝
April	—	—	—	82⅞	82⅞	—
May	82⅝@⅞	82⅝@⅞	82	82½	82	71⅝
July	80	80¼	79⅝	80¼	79⅝	70⅝
September	—	—	—	77½	77	—
Corn:						
February	—	—	—	29⅝	29⅝	36⅝
May	30¼	30¼	30¼	30¼	30¼	36⅛
July	31⅝@⅞	31½	31⅝@⅞	31½	31⅝	37⅛
Oats:						
February	—	—	—	21⅝	21½	25⅝
March	—	—	—	—	—	25½
May	21⅝	21⅝	21⅝	21⅝	21½	25⅝
July	—	—	—	22⅝	22¼	—

Receipts of breadstuffs at interior points in thousands, last three ciphers (000) omitted. Flour (bbls), grain (bush), as follows:

	Flour.	Wheat.	Corn.	Oats.	Rye.	Barley.
Chicago	6	18	191	386	5	58
Milwaukee	5	14	3	25	4	25
Minneapolis	—	102	8	—	—	—
Duluth	—	71	2	10	5	48
St. Louis	3	13	173	55	—	—
Kansas City	—	10	49	18	—	—
Toledo	—	5	111	8	—	—
Detroit	—	2	1	1	—	—
Peoria	—	2	67	37	—	—
Totals	14	237	605	540	14	131

Shipments from these points:

Chicago	9	30	109	217	—	25
Milwaukee	12	3	—	35	—	1
Minneapolis	38	22	3	—	—	—
St. Louis	3	32	154	17	—	—
Kansas City	—	7	52	16	—	—
Toledo	—	2	76	29	—	—
Detroit	—	—	1	—	—	—
Peoria	—	—	41	57	—	—
Totals	62	95	436	371	—	26

Receipts at Atlantic ports:

New-York	20	12	179	174	—	27
Boston	4	12	27	10	—	—
Philadelphia	8	35	309	8	—	—
Baltimore	8	22	217	27	2	—
Newport News	—	—	—	—	—	1
New-Orleans	1	—	6	—	—	—
Totals	41	81	737	219	2	28

Exports from Atlantic ports:

New-York	15	16	61	6	—	13
Boston	—	24	26	—	—	—
Philadelphia	12	2	5	9	—	—
Baltimore	7	—	169	160	43	—
New Orleans	—	—	429	61	—	—
Totals	34	42	681	236	43	13

MOLASSES AND SYRUPS—There is a fair demand for molasses and syrups. Supplies of syrups are scarce. Glucose is steady. We quote: New-Orleans centrifugal, common, 9@11c; fair, 12@14c; good, 15@17c; prime, 18@20c; open kettle, common, 18@19c; fair, 20@22c; good, 22@23c; prime, 24@28c; fancy, 31@32c. Syrups—Common, 9@11c; fair, 13@15c; good, 16@17c; prime, 18@20c; fancy, 21@23c.

NAVAL STORES—Stock: Rosin, 53,210 bbls; spirits turpentine, 2,267 bbls; tar, 1,963 bbls. The market for both rosin and spirits turpentine is about steady for common to good strained rosin, which is quoted unchanged, with common to good strained spirits turpentine at $1 70, and spirits turpentine, regulars and machines, quoted at 28½@29c. Tar and pitch quiet, steady and unchanged. We quote: Tar, regulars, $1 60@$1 65; oil barrels, $3@$3 12½; pitch, $1 80@$1 85.

OCEAN FREIGHTS—The market for ocean freight room continues very quiet, with rates nominally steady. We quote: Grain, Liverpool, 2½d; London, 3½d nominal; February 3d, April; Glasgow, 3d, March; Bristol, 3½d; Leith, 4½d, March, Hull, 4d; Newcastle, 3½d; Antwerp, 3½@3¾d; Copenhagen, 3s 6d; Harburg, 55 pfgs asked; March; Rotterdam, 7c March; Amsterdam, 7c, March; Cork for orders, 3s 3d, April; 3s 9d spot; cotton to Liverpool, 11-128d.....CHARTERS—For sail tonnage the inquiry continues moderate for small and medium-sized vessels and good for large vessels of the better class. Rates for the former are low and unsatisfactory, while the larger class are firmly strong, owing to the exceedingly limited amount of unengaged tonnage. Steam grain freights continue active, with former quotations firmly maintained. Charters follow: British steamer, 18,000 qrs grain, Virginia to picked ports United Kingdom or Continent, private terms, March; British steamer, 18,000 qrs grain, Baltimore to Rotterdam, 2c 9d, berth terms, April; Norwegian steamer, 17,000 qrs grain, Atlantic range to Stettin, 3s 9d, March; British steamer, 13,000 qrs grain, Baltimore to Cork for orders, 3s 3d, April 15; British steamer, 12,000 qrs grain, same, April 10-May 10; British steamer, 16,000 qrs grain, Atlantic range to Denmark, 3s 3d direct port, 3s 4½d if two, or Stettin, 3s 6d, April 25; British steamer, 12,000 qrs grain, north side of Cuba to New-York or Philadelphia, 10c; Boston, 11c; British ship, 1,587 tons, general cargo, hence to Sydney, N S W, at or about £3,200; British bark, 95,000 cases petroleum, hence to Japan, 20@21c, option Philadelphia loading, October; schooner, 1,456 tons, chalk, London to New-York, 9c; bark, brig, 590 tons, general cargo, hence to Santos, private terms; brig, 296 tons, and schooner, 944 tons, salt, Turk's Island to Philadelphia, 5½c; schooner, 257 tons, fertilizer, hence to Wilmington, 90c; schooner, 337 tons, kiln-dried boards, Wilmington, N C, to New-York, $3 62½; two schooners, 265 and 419 tons, kiln-dried boards, Norfolk to New-York, $2 15; schooner, 95 tons, rosin, hence to Fall River, private terms; schooner, 244 tons, coal, Hoboken to Boston, 75c; schooner, 414 tons, coal, hence to Boston, 70c; schooner, 595 tons, coal, Philadelphia to Jacksonville, 90c.

OILS—The market for cottonseed oil was bare of feature to-day except for a steady holding of values in keeping with firmness of lard products. Charles H. Tainter & Co. state that some trading has been done in Southern options, but at slight advance in price. Prime summer yellow is offered for b b here at 25c for May, June and July, and so far without takers, best counter offers not exceeding 24½c. We quote: Prime crude, bbls, 20c; mills, 15@17c; off crude, here, 19c; prime summer yellow, 23½@24c; off summer yellow, 23½c; butter oil, 26@26½c; prime yellow winter, 29c; prime white summer, 26½@27c; lard oil, 40c; linseed oil, American raw, 29@30c; American boiled, 31@32c; Calcutta raw, 56c.

PETROLEUM—The market for National Pipe Line certificates closed with 92⅝c bid. Refined unchanged and quoted: Barrels, New-York, $6 30; Philadelphia, $6 25; cases, New-York, $7; Philadelphia, $6 95.

PROVISIONS—The market for provision products was very quiet to-day, with prices showing no change compared with last evening.....PORK—Dull but firm; sales, 100 bbls. Quoted: Mess, $8.50@$8 75; family, $9.50@$10; short clear, $8.50@$10.....BEEF—Unchanged. Quoted: Extra mess, $7 50; family, $8.50@$10; packet, $8@$9.....BEEF HAMS—Firm at $18.....DRESSED HOGS—Strong; quoted at 5@5¼c for 160 lb. 4⅝@5c for 200 lb.....CUT MEATS—Pickled bellies quiet and steady; quoted at 4⅝@4⅞c for 14 to 16 lb. Pickled shoulders scarce and strong at 5@5½c. Pickled hams steadier at 8½@9c.....TALLOW—Steady at 3¼c asked.....STEARINE—Firm; lard, 4⅝c; oleo, 4 1-16c.....LARD—Unchanged and dull, prime steam closing at 4.20c asked; city, 3.80c; refined steady; South America, 4.75c; Continent, 4.45c; compound, 4⅝c; options closed at 4.80c nominal for May.

RICE—Prices are unchanged and tone fair, with Southern markets quite active. We quote: Domestic common to ordinary, 3½@3⅝c; fair to good, 3⅞@4¼c; prime to choice, 4⅜@5¼c; fancy, 5⅜@6c; head rice, 6@6½c; Patna, 4⅛@4⅜c; do in bond, 2⅝@5¼c; Japan, 4¼@4¾c; Java, 4@4¼c; Rangoon in bond, 2⅛@2⅜c.

SEEDS—The market was steady to-day, though there was very little demand and prices show no change. We quote: Clover, common to fair, 6¾@7½c; good to fancy, 8¼@10c; timothy, fair, $2 85@$3 25; high grade, $3 50@$4.

SUGAR—The London market reports cane steady at quotations, with Java quoted at 11s 1½d, with fair refining at 9s 3d. Beet was quiet, but steady, with prices and next month quoted at 9s 1½d. There were some sales of raw sugar to-day, including about 4,000 bags San Domingo centrifugal, afloat, basis 96 test, at 3¼c. The market closed very firm, with refiners apparently anxious to buy on the above basis. The closing price on Muscovado, 89 test, was 2⅞c, and on molasses sugar, 89 test, 2⅝c. Refined sugar was fairly active, with prices unchanged, granulated quoted at 4⅝c. The market is somewhat oversold and orders were taken subject to delay.

COUNTRY PRODUCE MARKETS.

New-York, February 20, 1897.

BEANS AND PEAS—The reduction in stock of red kidney beans has been quite material this week, and with prospect of further orders for export next week there is a strong holding at the close. No business reported as yet above $1 30, but some receivers are asking more. Marrow are steady to firm, but show no change in prices. A fairly steady business has been accomplished during the week. Medium and pea are working out slowly, and the supply seems to be abundant. Other varieties attract but little attention and are easy in price. Green pease still favor the buyer. We quote: Beans, domestic, marrow, choice, per bush, $1 17½@$1 20; do fair to good, $1@$1 10; do medium, choice, 95c; do fair to good, 80@90c; do pea, choice, 90c; do fair to good, 75@85c; do red kidney, choice, $1 30; do fair to good, $1 10@$1 20; do white kidney, choice, $1 25; do yellow eye, $1 10@$1 12½; do turtle soup, $1 80@$1 85; do California, lima, $1 30@$1 32½; green peas, bbls, per bush, 67@70c; do bags, 62½@65c; do Scotch, bbls, per bush, 72½@75c.

BUTTER—General demand was slack to-day. A few buyers wanted a little stock to carry them over into next week, but most of the large jobbers had fully supplied their wants and will not operate again until next Tuesday. The market, on the whole, is closing a little weak. We do not hear of 20c being shaded on fancy fresh creamery, but it was easy to put the cream of the stock on that basis. All lower qualities were largely neglected and dull. The includes first and second grades of fresh creamery, all sorts of held stock and the Western packings of imitation creamery and ladies. The latter have accumulated to quite an extent, and the failure to attract export demand has led to a willingness to accept still lower prices. The shipments for the week, including to-day's steamers, were about 5,000 pkgs. We quote: Creamery, Western, extras, per lb, 20c; do fine firsts, 18@19c; do firsts to seconds, 14@17c; do State, finest, 18½@19c; do thirds to firsts, 14@18c; do Western, held, finest, 17½@18c; do thirds to firsts, 12@17c; State dairy, half-tubs, fresh, fancy, 18@19c; do common to choice, 12@16c; do fall made, finest, 14½@15c; do firsts, 13@14c; do thirds to seconds, 10@12½c; State dairies, entire, finest, 14@14½c; do seconds to firsts, 12@13½c; State dairy, firkins, finest, 14c; do seconds to firsts, 12@13c; imitation creamery, extras, 15½@16c; do seconds to firsts, 11@14½c; factory, fresh, extras, 13c; do firsts, 10½@11½c; do thirds to second, 7@10c; do held, finest, 11@11½c; do seconds to firsts, 9@10½c; rolls, fresh, 18@20c.

EGGS—The market closed very firm last night, with occasional sales at 19½c and even 20c, and those figures were confidently expected to be maintained to-day, and some few sales early in the morning were made at those figures. Under the call on Change, however, buyers showed scarcely any interest, and stock was freely offered at 19@19½c, while bids were very few and not over 18@18½c, and no business resulted. After the call early morning sales were generally settled at 19c, and that figure became the extreme to sell, though supply is moderate and tone firm. Refrigerator eggs have been cleaned up fairly close, and desirable marks steadily held. Good fresh dirties are salable at firm prices. Limed eggs dull and nominal. We quote: Jersey and nearby, fancy, per dozen, 20c; Pennsylvania, fresh gathered, choice, 19@20c; Western firsts, 19c; Kentucky, choice, 18½@18¾c; Eastern Tennessee and Virginia, choice, 18@18½c; other Southern, good to prime, 17½@18c. Western, refrigerator, choice, per 30-dozen case, $3 40@$3 50; do average prime, $2 90@$3 25; do inferior, $2 25@$2 75; do dirty, fresh, $3 50@$4; do limed, prime to choice, per dozen, 13@13½c; do defective, per case, $2 40@$2 70.

CHEESE—The general market presents a quiet appearance to-day, but without special features of interest. Exporters are showing very little attention, but that demand will be a factor of very little importance from this time on. Home demand, while quiet at the moment, has been fairly active during the week, and with stocks steadily reducing the market is in a strong position, with holders fully as firm and confident as before. Liverpool cable 58s 6d for both colored and white. We quote: State, full cream, large fancy, September, colored or white, 12½c; do late-made, prime, 11¾@12c; do good, 11¼@11½c; do common to fair, 9@11c; do small, September, colored, fancy, 12½c; do white, 12¼@12½c; do late-made, good to choice, 11¾@12c; do common to fair, 9@11c; light skims, choice, 10¼c; part skims, good to prime, 8½@9½c; do common to fair, 5@6½c; full skims, 3@3½c.

FRUIT—FRESH—Offerings of apples continue liberal, and, with demand only moderate, market is weak and prices drifting lower. Strictly sound cranberries are held steady, but under grades neglected and low. Grapes continue dull. Oranges in free supply from California, but very few Floridas arriving; demand fair at about former prices. Tangerines, mandarins and grape fruit all scarce and unusually high. We quote: Apples, Spitzenburg, per bbl, $1 25@$2 50; do Baldwin, $1@$1 50; do Greenings, $1@$1 62; grapes, Catawba, per basket, 8@15c; cranberries, Cape Cod, per bbl, $1@$5 50; do Jersey, $3@$3 50; do Jersey, per crate, 75@$1 10; oranges, Florida, per box, $3 50@$5; do California navels, $2 50@$3 75; tangerines, Florida, per box, $5@$8; mandarins, $3@$5; grape fruit, $6@$12.

FRUITS—DRIED—There is no change in the market for evaporated apples. Demand is very moderate from all sources, and, with an abundance of stock here and arriving, there is enough pressure to sell to cause an unsettled feeling. Sun-dried apples are fairly steady, but it takes very fancy quality to reach our outside figures. Raspberries and huckleberries are dull and easy. Cherries quiet, but very firmly held. Blackberries are a little stronger in tone. California apricots and peaches in small demand. Prunes selling fairly in a jobbing way, but not many large buyers on the market. We quote: Apples evaporated, fancy to extra fancy, 4½@5c; do choice, 3¾@4¼c; do common to good, 2@3c; do quarters, Canada, 2½@3½c; do State and Western, 2@3c; chops, per 100 lb, $1 25@$1 40; cores and skins, $1 35@$1 80; raspberries, evaporated, 15c; cherries, 11@11½c; huckleberries, 6@6½c; blackberries, 6c; apricots, California, Royal, 8@11½c; do Moorparks, 12@16c; peaches, California, peeled, 10@15c; do unpeeled, 6@10c; prunes, as to size and quality, 3½@7c.

HOPS—No further important transactions with exporters, but there are new inquiries here and more business is likely to result. The call is chiefly for the better grades of Pacific Coast hops; the market for these holds steady. Lower grades from all sources and the best of State hops are very quiet and rather easy. We quote: State, 1896, choice, 12@12½c; do good to prime, 10½@11½c; do common to fair, 8@10c; Pacific Coast, 1896, choice, 13c; do good to prime, 11@12c; do common to fair, 8@10½c; State and Pacific Coast, 1895, choice, 7½@8c; do common to prime, 5@7c; old olds, 3@5c.

POULTRY—ALIVE—There were no fresh arrivals today, but with scarcely any demand market is quiet and nominally unchanged. Speculators have seven or eight thousand on hand, which will be carried over into next week, and unless receipts are very moderate a further decline seems to be probable. We quote: Fowls, per lb, 8c; chickens, 7c; roosters, 5c; turkeys, 10@12c; ducks, per pair, 50@90c; geese, $1@$1 75; pigeons, 30@35c.....DRESSED—There is very little demand to-day for any description and the market remains nominally unchanged. Fresh killed turkeys are generally undesirable, nearly all lots running large, coarse and flabby, and such grades dull and irregular, though choice light and medium-weight turkeys have a moderate call and occasionally exceed quotations. Soft-meated chickens scarce and firm, but average lots are undesirable, and Western would have to be exceptionally fine to exceed 8c per lb, and plenty of good ones at 7c; chickens offering at 6½@7½c. Choice scalded fowls have occasionally reached 8½c, but in a small way, but dry picked plenty and dull to the extreme. Philadelphia roasting chickens very dull and weak. Winter broilers in fair demand and firm. Capons in large accumulation, greatly neglected and prices uncertain. We quote: Turkeys, selected hens, 12@12½c; do mixed hens and young toms, prime, 11@12c; do young toms, 10@11c; do old toms, 10c; broilers, Philadelphia, 3 and 4 lb to pair, 28@23c; do 4 and 5 lb to pair, 16@22c; chickens, Philadelphia, average best, 13c; do common to good, 10@12c; do Jersey, prime, 9@9½c; do State and Pennsylvania, good to prime, 8@9c; do Western dry-picked, average best, 8@8½c; do scalded, 8½c; do coarse and stagey, 6½@7½c; chickens and fowls, mixed, Western prime, 8c; do poor to fair, 6½@7½c; fowls, State and Pennsylvania, good to prime, 8@8½c; do Western, prime, 8c; do fair to good, 6½@7½c; old cocks, Western, 5c; capons, Philadelphia, large, 14@15c; do medium sizes, 12@13c; do small and slips, 8@10c; do Western, average best, 10@11c; do small and slips, 8@9c; ducks, Western, prime, 12@13c; do fair to good, 8@11c; geese, Western, prime, 8@9c; do fair to good, 6@7c; squabs, per dozen, $1@$2 50.

GAME—Quail are in large accumulation, both in store and freezers, scarcely any demand and prices weak and irregular. Grouse and partridges in fair supply, but selling very slowly. Wild ducks unchanged. Rabbits very dull and rarely salable above 10c per pair. Venison neglected and nominal. We quote: Quail, choice, per dozen, $1 25; do small and inferior, 50c@$1; partridges, Western, undrawn, prime, per pair, 65@75c; prairie chickens, undrawn, prime, 65@75c; grouse, pin tails, prime, 75@90c; wild ducks, canvas, choice, heavy, per pair, $30@$4; do redheads, $1 25@$1 75; do mallard, prime, .09@90c; do blue-wing teal, 50@60c; do common, 20@25c; rabbits, per pair, 8@10c; venison, saddles, per lb, 12@14c; do whole deer, 10c.

HAY AND STRAW—HAY—The week has been unsatisfactory one in the hay trade, owing to the absence of general demand. Prime No 1 and some marks of No 2 have controlled most of the buying attendance, and sellers do not like to be restricted to extensive qualities, particularly when invoices run in the wide range that has been remarked in quality for more than two weeks. Receivers who have not been fortunate in supplies of the ready selling upper grades have had rough sledding with the preponderance of the undesirable. When it is difficult to make an article cheap enough to move it with some freedom the depressed feeling becomes decidedly irksome, with the month two-thirds gone. Latterly the low average quality of supplies is not wholly attributable to Western shippers; this State and other near points are all unloading stuff upon the market, and generally have been fed out, but in the low condition and slow rule of prices for other feeding stuff farmers seem disposed to take the chances in hay, with its once proverbial ready-money prospect. This would be reasonable if the outlets for mixed lines of hay had not become so markedly narrow as they have, and unsatisfactory, while the latter limited sphere of export for common hay now, and the local chances of its consumption seem to have gone forever. Every station of this neighborhood is carrying a surplus of this commercially dead product, for which there is little likelihood for paying or prompt returns to the owners.....STRAW—Long rye straw has not arrived freely, and 90c is obtainable for the best. On really short days of supply some of the stored tangled has found sale, but not at the prices expected by this time. Two years of light straw crop made some speculation in Western tangled straw, but buyers here do not take kindly to its use and will only call for it in a straitened way. Rye straw is quiet, but there is no market in better form for consumers if farmers will make an outlay for proper preparation of this indispensable article. We quote: Hay, prime, large bales, per 100 lb, 75@80c; No 1, per 100 lb, 72½@75c; No 2, per 100 lb, 65@67½c; No 3, per 100 lb, 55@60c; shipping, per 100 lb, 55c.....No 1 Western rye straw, per 100 lb, 90@$1; long rye straw, per 100 lb, 90c; No 2 rye straw, per 100 lb, 75@80c; No 1 oat straw, per 100 lb, 57½@60c. The official report of receipts of hay at noon to-day, tons, were as follows: Hudson River Railroad, 320; Erie Railroad, 270; Pennsylvania Railroad, 110; Delaware, Lackawanna and Western